



Idaho Child Care Reads

Application to Participate

The Read to Me program sponsors the Idaho Child Care Reads program. The program helps public libraries enhance services for child care providers and the children and families that they work with. **Applications from public libraries interested in the program are accepted throughout the year and will be granted as funding allows.** The program has the following goals:

- 1) Children hear at least one story a day in child care and at least one at home.
- 2) There are adequate numbers of appropriate books in child care settings.
- 3) All providers are trained to promote language and literacy.
- 4) Parents are encouraged to talk and read to their children at home.
- 5) The entire community is involved in promoting literacy.

Research shows that providing quality books, training, and library information to child care providers increases the frequency that children are read to and helps achieve the goals stated above. Evaluations from the Idaho Child Care Reads program have been very positive. Child care providers have said they have learned new literacy techniques and plan to increase the amount of time they spend reading and interacting with the children in their care.



The Idaho Child Care Reads program is funded with Library Services and Technology Act funds as part of the Read to Me Program.

What's the Plan?

State Library staff will select, purchase and ship sets of 15-20 paperback books appropriate for children from birth to age six, a book bag, and one resource book for child care providers. These sets of books and a book bag are valued at over \$120 each and are sent to those libraries selected to provide Child Care Reads training. Some training materials may also be provided.

There is no stipend to help pay for librarians' training time or other workshop expenses.

Librarians who would like the collections to distribute at their Child Care Reads training should fill out the application form and e-mail or fax it to the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Librarians will be notified if selected to take part in the project within 10 days of receiving your application. Book sets will be available within four weeks of approving your application.

Librarians selected to participate are required to:

- 1) Conduct at least one training session (a minimum of two to three hours), or a series of training sessions that total at least three hours, aimed at child care providers.
- 2) Co-sponsor the training with a local child care resource and referral agency, an early childhood education organization, Success by Six, school district, child care coalition or other organization. Having a co-presenter is recommended.
- 4) Ask the attending child care providers to sign a "Child Care Reads" pledge and complete an evaluation of the workshop.
- 5) Distribute the books at the end of the training session. The collections can go to family or center-based child care providers as long as they serve at least three children other than their own. More than one child care provider per daycare/center can attend the training, but only one set of books can go to each site.
- 6) Fill out an evaluation form on the project and return any extra collections of books within one week of the training.

Questions, concerns, comments? Please direct them to Stephanie Bailey-White at 1-800-458-3271, stephanie.bailey-white@libraries.idaho.gov



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Name of Library _____

Library Contact & Title _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

If your library participated in the Idaho Child Care Reads program in past years, please list the years you participated:

If you participated in past years, let us know if you will be reaching new child care providers, providers who attended the training last year, or a combination of both. (Preference is to provide the training for child care providers who did not received Child Care Reads training.)

Who will you partner with in your community to co-sponsor the workshop? Who will present the training?

Approximately how many child care providers do you think would attend the training and receive a set of books in your community?

When do you plan on offering the training?

Briefly describe your current services aimed at child care providers in your community:

Have you ever done training aimed at child care providers (or parents or others interested in early literacy)? If yes, please describe:

*Attach additional pages if needed. Please fax or e-mail your responses to
Stephanie Bailey-White, stephanie.bailey-white@libraries.idaho.gov, fax (208) 334-4016.*

Child Care Reads Training Components

Librarians selected to receive free book collections to distribute to child care providers who attend training may customize these training components as needed, but need to cover at least three of these topics during the training:

_____ Language Development & The Importance of Talking with Young Children

_____ Brain Development and Young Children

_____ Reading & Young Children

_____ The Importance of Rhymes and Young Children

_____ Music and Young Children

_____ Creating a Print Rich Environment

_____ Library Resources for Child Care Providers and Young Children

_____ Writing and Young Children

_____ Early Literacy Skills (Narrative Skills, Letter Knowledge, Print Awareness, Vocabulary, Print Motivation, & Phonological Awareness)

_____ Ways to Use Books in Child Care

_____ Emergent Literacy

_____ Learning & Every Day Activities

_____ Storytelling

_____ Television & Young Children

_____ Selecting Great Books for Young Children

_____ Getting More Books and Materials for Your Child Care Location

Suggestions for several hands-on activities and "make & take" projects are available. It is recommended that at least two "make & take" activities are incorporated into the workshop.